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Existence and uniqueness of solutions for multi-term nonlinear fractional integro-differential equations

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Abstract

In this manuscript, by using the fixed point theorems, the existence and the uniqueness of solutions for multi-term nonlinear fractional integro-differential equations are reported. Two examples are presented to illustrate our results.

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1 Introduction

The study of fractional differential equations ranges from the theoretical aspects of existence and uniqueness of solutions to the analytic and numerical methods for finding solutions. Fractional differential equations appear naturally in a number of fields such as physics, polymer rheology, regular variational in thermodynamics, biophysics, blood flow phenomena, aerodynamics, electro-dynamics of complex medium, viscoelasticity, Bode's analysis of feedback amplifiers, capacitor theory, electrical circuits, electron-analytical chemistry, biology, control theory, fitting of experimental data, *etc.* An excellent account in the study of fractional differential equations can be found in [1, 2] and [3]. For more details and examples, one can study [4–13] and [14]. It is considerable that there are many works about fractional integro-differential equations (see, for example, [15–18] and [19]).

In 2007, Xinwei and Landong reviewed the existence of solutions for the nonlinear fractional differential equation

$${}^c D^\alpha u(t) = f(t, u(t), {}^c D^\beta u(t)) \quad (0 < t < 1)$$

with boundary values $u(0) = u'(1) = 0$ or $u'(0) = u(1) = 0$ or $u(0) = u(1) = 0$, where $1 < \alpha \leq 2$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$, and f is continuous on $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ [20]. In 2009, Su and Zhang studied the existence and uniqueness of solutions for the following nonlinear two-point fractional boundary value problem

$${}^c D^\alpha u(t) = f(t, u(t), {}^c D^\beta u(t)) \quad (0 < t < 1)$$

with boundary values $a_1 u(0) - a_2 u'(0) = A$ and $b_1 u(1) + b_2 u'(1) = B$, where α, β, a_i, b_i ($i = 1, 2$) satisfy certain conditions [21]. In 2010, Ahmad and Sivasundaram studied the

existence of solutions for the nonlinear fractional integro-differential equation

$${}^c D^q u(t) = f(t, u(t), (\phi u)(t), (\psi u)(t)) \quad (0 < t < 1 \text{ and } 1 < q \leq 2)$$

with boundary values $u'(0) + au(\eta_1) = 0$, $bu'(1) + u(\eta_2) = 0$ and $0 < \eta_1 \leq \eta_2 < 1$, where ${}^c D^q$ is the Caputo fractional derivative, $a, b \in (0, 1)$, $f : [0, 1] \times X \times X \times X \rightarrow X$ is continuous and for the mappings $\gamma, \lambda : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with the property $\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |\int_0^t \lambda(t, s) ds| < \infty$ and $\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |\int_0^t \gamma(t, s) ds| < \infty$, the maps ϕ and ψ are defined by $(\phi u)(t) = \int_0^t \gamma(t, s)u(s) ds$ and $(\psi u)(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(t, s)u(s) ds$. Here, X is a Banach space (see [22]).

2 Main results

2.1 The basic problem

In this paper, we study the existence and uniqueness of solutions for the multi-term nonlinear fractional integro-differential equation

$${}^c D^\alpha u(t) = f(t, u(t), (\phi u)(t), (\psi u)(t), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(t), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(t), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(t)) \quad (0 < t < 1) \quad (1)$$

with boundary values $u(0) + au(1) = 0$ and $u'(0) + bu'(1) = 0$, where $1 < \alpha < 2$, $0 < \beta_i < 1$, $\alpha - \beta_i \geq 1$, $a, b \neq -1$, $f : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^{n+3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, and for the mappings

$$\gamma, \lambda : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

with the property $\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |\int_0^t \lambda(t, s) ds| < \infty$ and $\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |\int_0^t \gamma(t, s) ds| < \infty$, the maps ϕ and ψ are defined by $(\phi u)(t) = \int_0^t \gamma(t, s)u(s) ds$ and $(\psi u)(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(t, s)u(s) ds$. In this way, we need the following result, which has been proved in [2].

Lemma 2.1 *Let $\alpha > 0$ and $n = [\alpha] + 1$. Then*

$$I^{\alpha c} D^\alpha u(t) = u(t) + c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + \dots + c_{n-1} t^{n-1},$$

where c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1} are some real numbers.

The proof of the following result by using Lemma 2.1 is straightforward.

Lemma 2.2 *Let $y \in C[0, 1]$, $a, b \neq -1$ and $1 < \alpha < 2$. Then the problem ${}^c D^\alpha u(t) = y(t)$ with boundary values $u(0) + au(1) = 0$ and $u'(0) + bu'(1) = 0$ has the unique solution*

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) = & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} y(s) ds - \frac{a}{(1+a)\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-1} y(s) ds \\ & + \frac{ab-b(1+a)t}{(1+a)(1+b)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-2} y(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Some results on solving the problem

Let $C(I)$ be the space of all continuous real-valued functions on $I = [0, 1]$ and

$$X = \{u : u \in C(I) \text{ and } {}^c D^{\beta_i} u \in C(I) \text{ } (0 < \beta_i < 1) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

endowed with the norm $\|u\| = \max_{t \in I} |u(t)| + \sum_{i=1}^n \max_{t \in I} |{}^c D^{\beta_i} u(t)|$. It is known that $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space.

Theorem 2.3 Assume that there exist $\kappa \in (0, \alpha - 1)$ and $\mu(t) \in L^{\frac{1}{\kappa}}([0, 1], (0, \infty))$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & |f(t, x, y, w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) - f(t, x', y', w', v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)| \\ & \leq \mu(t)(|x - x'| + |y - y'| + |w - w'| + |u_1 - v_1| + |u_2 - v_2| + \dots + |u_n - v_n|) \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and $x, y, w, x', y', w', u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}$. Then problem (1) has a unique solution whenever

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta = & (1 + \gamma_0 + \lambda_0) \left[\frac{(1 + 2|a|)\mu^*}{|1 + a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa} \right)^{1-\kappa} + \frac{|b|(1 + 2|a|)\mu^*}{|1 + a||1 + b|\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right. \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha - \kappa)\mu^*}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - \beta_i - \kappa + 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{|b|\mu^*}{|1 + b|\Gamma(2 - \beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right) \right] < 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma_0 = \sup_{t \in I} |\int_0^t \gamma(t, s) ds|$, $\lambda_0 = \sup_{t \in I} |\int_0^t \lambda(t, s) ds|$, $\mu^* = (\int_0^1 (\mu(s))^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} ds)^{\kappa}$.

Proof Define the mapping $F: X \rightarrow X$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (Fu)(t) = & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \\ & - \frac{a}{(1+a)} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\ & \times f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \\ & + \frac{ab - b(1+a)t}{(1+a)(1+b)} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \\ & \times f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

For each $u, v \in X$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, by using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |(Fu)(t) - (Fv)(t)| \\ & = \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) \right. \\ & \quad - f(s, v(s), (\phi v)(s), (\psi v)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s))) ds \\ & \quad - \frac{a}{(1+a)} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) \\ & \quad - f(s, v(s), (\phi v)(s), (\psi v)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s))) ds \\ & \quad + \frac{ab - b(1+a)t}{(1+a)(1+b)} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} (f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) \\ & \quad - f(s, v(s), (\phi v)(s), (\psi v)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s))) ds \Big| \\ & \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -f(s, v(s), (\phi v)(s), (\psi v)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s)) \Big| ds \\
& + \frac{|a|}{|1+a|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) \\
& -f(s, v(s), (\phi v)(s), (\psi v)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s)) \Big| ds \\
& + \frac{|ab-b(1+a)t|}{|1+a||1+b|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \\
& \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) -f(s, v(s), (\phi v)(s), (\psi v)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s)) \Big| ds \\
\leq & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \mu(s) (|u(s)-v(s)| + |(\phi u)(s) - (\phi v)(s)| + |(\psi u)(s) - (\psi v)(s)| \\
& + |{}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s)| + |{}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s)| + \dots + |{}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s)|) ds \\
& + \frac{|a|}{|1+a|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \mu(s) (|u(s)-v(s)| + |(\phi u)(s) - (\phi v)(s)| + |(\psi u)(s) - (\psi v)(s)| \\
& + |{}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s)| + |{}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s)| + \dots + |{}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s)|) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)}{|1+a||1+b|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \mu(s) (|u(s)-v(s)| + |(\phi u)(s) - (\phi v)(s)| \\
& + |(\psi u)(s) - (\psi v)(s)| + |{}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(s)| \\
& + |{}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(s)| + \dots + |{}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s) - {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(s)|) ds \\
\leq & \frac{(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} \mu(s) ds \\
& + \frac{|a|(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-1} \mu(s) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-2} \mu(s) ds \\
\leq & \frac{(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^t ((t-s)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{1-\kappa}} ds \right)^{1-\kappa} \left(\int_0^t (\mu(s))^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} ds \right)^{\kappa} \\
& + \frac{|a|(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^1 ((1-s)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{1-\kappa}} ds \right)^{1-\kappa} \left(\int_0^1 (\mu(s))^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} ds \right)^{\kappa} \\
& + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \\
& \times \left(\int_0^1 ((1-s)^{\alpha-2})^{\frac{1}{1-\kappa}} ds \right)^{1-\kappa} \left(\int_0^1 (\mu(s))^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} ds \right)^{\kappa} \\
\leq & \frac{\mu^*(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa} \right)^{1-\kappa} + \frac{|a|\mu^*(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa} \right)^{1-\kappa} \\
& + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)\mu^*(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \\
\leq & (1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0) \left[\frac{(1+2|a|)\mu^*}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)\mu^*}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right] \|u-v\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| {}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fu)(t) - {}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fv)(t) \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} (Fu)'(s) ds - \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} (Fv)'(s) ds \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{b}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \\
 &\quad \left. - \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \times f(\tau, v(\tau), (\phi v)(\tau), (\psi v)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(\tau)) d\tau \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{b}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \times f(\tau, v(\tau), (\phi v)(\tau), (\psi v)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \Big| \\
 &\leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \times |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) \\
 &\quad \left. - f(\tau, v(\tau), (\phi v)(\tau), (\psi v)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(\tau))| d\tau \right) ds \\
 &\quad + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|} \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - f(\tau, v(\tau), (\phi v)(\tau), (\psi v)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} v(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} v(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} v(\tau))| d\tau \right) ds \\
 &\leq \frac{(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} \left(\int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha-2} \mu(\tau) d\tau \right) ds \\
 &\quad + \frac{|b|(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+b|\Gamma(1-\beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} \left(\int_0^1 (1-\tau)^{\alpha-2} \mu(\tau) d\tau \right) ds \\
 &\leq \frac{\mu^*(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} s^{\alpha-\kappa-1} ds \\
 &\quad + \frac{|b|\mu^*(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+b|\Gamma(1-\beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} ds \\
 &\leq \frac{\mu^*(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \int_0^1 (1-\xi)^{-\beta_i} \xi^{\alpha-\kappa-1} d\xi \\
 &\quad + \frac{|b|\mu^*(1+\gamma_0+\lambda_0)\|u-v\|}{|1+b|\Gamma(2-\beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $B(\alpha - \kappa, 1 - \beta_i) = \int_0^1 (1 - \xi)^{-\beta_i} \xi^{\alpha - \kappa - 1} d\xi = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha - \kappa)\Gamma(1 - \beta_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha - \beta_i - \kappa + 1)}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |{}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fu)(t) - {}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fv)(t)| &\leq (1 + \gamma_0 + \lambda_0) \left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha - \kappa)\mu^*}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - \beta_i - \kappa + 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|b|\mu^*}{|1 + b|\Gamma(2 - \beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right] \|u - v\| \end{aligned}$$

for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Hence, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|Fu - Fv\| &\leq (1 + \gamma_0 + \lambda_0) \left[\frac{(1 + 2|a|)\mu^*}{|1 + a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa} \right)^{1-\kappa} + \frac{|b|(1 + 2|a|)\mu^*}{|1 + a||1 + b|\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha - \kappa)\mu^*}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - \beta_i - \kappa + 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{|b|\mu^*}{|1 + b|\Gamma(2 - \beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \left(\frac{1 - \kappa}{\alpha - \kappa - 1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right) \right] \|u - v\| = \Delta \|u - v\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Delta < 1$, F is a contraction mapping, therefore, by using the Banach contraction principle, F has a unique fixed point, which is the unique solution of problem (1) by using Lemma 2.2. \square

Corollary 2.4 Assume that there exists $L > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &|f(t, x, y, w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) - f(t, x', y', w', v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)| \\ &\leq L(|x - x'| + |y - y'| + |w - w'| + |u_1 - v_1| + |u_2 - v_2| + \dots + |u_n - v_n|) \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and $x, y, w, x', y', w', u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}$. Then problem (1) has a unique solution whenever

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \gamma_0 + \lambda_0) &\left[\frac{(1 + 2|a|)(1 + (\alpha + 1)|b|)L}{|1 + a||1 + b|\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{L}{\Gamma(\alpha - \beta_i + 1)} + \frac{|b|L}{|1 + b|\Gamma(2 - \beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha)} \right) \right] < 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma_0 = \sup_{t \in I} |\int_0^t \gamma(t, s) ds|$, $\lambda_0 = \sup_{t \in I} |\int_0^t \lambda(t, s) ds|$.

Now, we restate the Schauder's fixed point theorem, which is needed to prove next result (see Theorem 1.10.16 in [23]).

Theorem 2.5 Let E be a closed, convex and bounded subset of a Banach space X , and let $F : E \rightarrow E$ be a continuous mapping such that $F(E)$ is a relatively compact subset of X . Then F has a fixed point in E .

Theorem 2.6 Let $f : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^{n+3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that there exists a constant $l \in (0, \alpha - 1)$ and a real-valued function $m(t) \in L^{\frac{1}{l}}([0, 1], (0, \infty))$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & |f(t, x, y, w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)| \\ & \leq m(t) + d|x|^{\rho} + d'|y|^{\rho'} + d''|w|^{\rho''} + d_1|u_1|^{\rho_1} + d_2|u_2|^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n|u_n|^{\rho_n}, \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

where $d, d', d'', d_i \geq 0$ and $0 < \rho, \rho', \rho'', \rho_i < 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, or

$$\begin{aligned} & |f(t, x, y, w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)| \\ & \leq d|x|^{\rho} + d'|y|^{\rho'} + d''|w|^{\rho''} + d_1|u_1|^{\rho_1} + d_2|u_2|^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n|u_n|^{\rho_n}, \end{aligned}$$

where $d, d', d'', d_i > 0$ and $\rho, \rho', \rho'', \rho_i > 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then problem (1) has a solution.

Proof First, suppose that f satisfy condition (*). Define $B_r = \{u \in X, \|u\| \leq r\}$, where

$$\begin{aligned} r & \geq \max \left\{ ((n+4)Ad)^{\frac{1}{1-\rho}}, ((n+4)Ad'\gamma_0^{\rho'})^{\frac{1}{1-\rho'}}, ((n+4)Ad''\lambda_0^{\rho''})^{\frac{1}{1-\rho''}}, ((n+4)Ad_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\rho_1}}, \right. \\ & \quad \left. ((n+4)Ad_2)^{\frac{1}{1-\rho_2}}, \dots, ((n+4)Ad_n)^{\frac{1}{1-\rho_n}}, (n+4)K \right\}, \\ K & = \frac{(1+2|a|)M}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l} \right)^{1-l} + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)M}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha-l)M}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i-l+1)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{|b|M}{|1+b|\Gamma(2-\beta_i)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \right), \\ A & = \frac{(1+2|a|)(1+(1+\alpha)|b|)}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i+1)} + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and $M = (\int_0^1 (m(t))^{\frac{1}{l}} ds)^l$. Note that B_r is a closed, bounded and convex subset of the Banach space X . For each $u \in B_r$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(Fu)(t)| & = \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right. \\ & \quad - \frac{a}{(1+a)} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\ & \quad \times f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \\ & \quad + \frac{ab-b(1+a)t}{(1+a)(1+b)} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \\ & \quad \times f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \Big| \\ & \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s))| ds \\ & \quad + \frac{|a|}{|1+a|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s))| ds \\
& + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)}{|1+a||1+b|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \\
& \times |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s))| ds \\
& \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} m(s) ds \\
& + (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}) \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} ds \\
& + \frac{|a|}{|1+a|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} m(s) ds \\
& + \frac{|a|}{|1+a|} (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}) \\
& \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} ds + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)}{|1+a||1+b|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} m(s) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)}{|1+a||1+b|} (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}) \\
& \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^t ((t-s)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{1-l}} ds \right)^{1-l} \left(\int_0^t (m(s))^{\frac{1}{l}} ds \right)^l \\
& + \frac{|a|}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^1 ((1-s)^{\alpha-1})^{\frac{1}{1-l}} ds \right)^{1-l} \left(\int_0^1 (m(s))^{\frac{1}{l}} ds \right)^l \\
& + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\int_0^1 ((1-s)^{\alpha-2})^{\frac{1}{1-l}} ds \right)^{1-l} \left(\int_0^1 (m(s))^{\frac{1}{l}} ds \right)^l \\
& + \frac{(1+2|a|)(1+(1+\alpha)|b|)}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \\
& \times (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}) \\
& \leq \frac{(1+2|a|)M}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l} \right)^{1-l} + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)M}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \\
& + \frac{(1+2|a|)(1+(1+\alpha)|b|)}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \\
& \times (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}).
\end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|{}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fu)(t)| &= \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} (Fu)'(s) ds \right| \\
&= \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \frac{b}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right) \right|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), \\
& {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \\
& \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), \right. \\
& {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau))| d\tau \Big) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|} \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), \right. \\
& {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau))| d\tau \Big) ds \\
& \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} m(\tau) d\tau \right) ds \\
& + (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}) \\
& \times \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} d\tau \right) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|} \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} m(\tau) d\tau \right) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|} (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}) \\
& \times \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} d\tau \right) ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} \\
& \times \left[\left(\int_0^s ((s-\tau)^{\alpha-2})^{\frac{1}{1-l}} d\tau \right)^{1-l} \left(\int_0^s (m(\tau))^{\frac{1}{l}} d\tau \right)^l \right] ds \\
& + \frac{(dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \\
& \times \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} s^{\alpha-1} ds + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \\
& \times \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} \left[\left(\int_0^1 ((1-\tau)^{\alpha-2})^{\frac{1}{1-l}} d\tau \right)^{1-l} \left(\int_0^1 (m(\tau))^{\frac{1}{l}} d\tau \right)^l \right] ds \\
& + \frac{|b|(dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} \\
& \leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} s^{\alpha-l-1} ds \\
& + \frac{(dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \\
& \times \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} s^{\alpha-1} ds
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{|b|M}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta_i} ds \\
& + \frac{|b|(dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} \\
& \leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \int_0^1 (1-\xi)^{-\beta_i} \xi^{\alpha-l-1} d\xi \\
& + \frac{(dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \\
& \times \int_0^1 (1-\xi)^{-\beta_i} \xi^{\alpha-1} d\xi \\
& + \frac{|b|M}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \\
& + \frac{|b|(dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $B(\alpha-l, 1-\beta_i) = \int_0^1 (1-\xi)^{-\beta_i} \xi^{\alpha-l-1} d\xi = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-l)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i-l+1)}$ and, on the other hand, $B(\alpha, 1-\beta_i) = \int_0^1 (1-\xi)^{-\beta_i} \xi^{\alpha-1} d\xi = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\beta_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i+1)}$, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
|{}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fu)(t)| & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-l)M}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i-l+1)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \\
& + \frac{|b|M}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \\
& + \frac{dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i+1)} \\
& + \frac{|b|(dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)}
\end{aligned}$$

for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Fu\| & \leq \frac{(1+2|a|)M}{|1+a|\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l} \right)^{1-l} + \frac{|b|(1+2|a|)M}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha-l)M}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i-l+1)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \right. \\
& + \left. \frac{|b|M}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} \left(\frac{1-l}{\alpha-l-1} \right)^{1-l} \right] \\
& + (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n}) \\
& \times \left(\frac{(1+2|a|)(1+(1+\alpha)|b|)}{|1+a||1+b|\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_i+1)} + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} \right] \right) \\
& = K + (dr^\rho + d'\gamma_0^{p'} r^{\rho'} + d''\lambda_0^{p''} r^{\rho''} + d_1 r^{\rho_1} + d_2 r^{\rho_2} + \dots + d_n r^{\rho_n})A \\
& \leq \frac{r}{n+4} \times (n+4) = r.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, F maps B_r into B_r . Now, suppose that f satisfy the second condition. In this case, choose

$$0 < r \leq \min \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{(n+3)Ad} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho-1}}, \left(\frac{1}{(n+3)Ad'\gamma_0^{p'}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho'-1}}, \left(\frac{1}{(n+3)Ad''\lambda_0^{p''}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho''-1}}, \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{1}{(n+3)Ad_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho_1-1}}, \left(\frac{1}{(n+3)Ad_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho_2-1}}, \dots, \left(\frac{1}{(n+3)Ad_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho_n-1}} \right\}.$$

By using similar arguments, one can show that $\|Fu\| \leq \frac{r}{n+3} \times (n+3) = r$, and so F maps B_r into B_r . Since f is continuous, it is easy to get that F is also continuous. Now, we show that F is completely continuous operator on B_r . For each $u \in B_r$, put

$$N = \max_{t \in I} \{f(t, u(t), (\phi u)(t), (\psi u)(t), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(t), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(t), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(t))\} + 1.$$

For each $t_1, t_2 \in I$ with $t_1 < t_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |(Fu)(t_2) - (Fu)(t_1)| \\ &= \left| \int_0^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{b(t_1-t_2)}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right| \\ &= \left| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{b(t_1-t_2)}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\ &\quad \times |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{|b|(t_2-t_1)}{|1+b|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times |f(s, u(s), (\phi u)(s), (\psi u)(s), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(s), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(s), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(s))| ds \\
 & \leq N \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} ds + N \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} ds \\
 & \quad + \frac{N|b|(t_2 - t_1)}{|1 + b|} \int_0^1 \frac{(1 - s)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} ds \\
 & = \frac{N}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} (t_2^\alpha - t_1^\alpha) + \frac{N|b|}{|1 + b|\Gamma(\alpha)} (t_2 - t_1).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |{}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fu)(t_2) - {}^c D^{\beta_i}(Fu)(t_1)| \\
 & = \left| \int_0^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1 - \beta_i)} (Fu)'(s) ds - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1 - s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1 - \beta_i)} (Fu)'(s) ds \right| \\
 & = \left| \int_0^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1 - \beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
 & \quad - \frac{b}{1 + b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \\
 & \quad - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1 - s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1 - \beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \right. \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
 & \quad - \frac{b}{1 + b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \Big| \\
 & = \left| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1 - \beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
 & \quad - \frac{b}{1 + b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \\
 & \quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1 - \beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \right. \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
 & \quad - \frac{b}{1 + b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \\
 & \quad \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \Big|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\
& \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
& - \frac{b}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \\
& \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \\
& = \left| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\beta_i} - (t_1-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \right. \\
& \times \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), \right. \\
& {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
& - \frac{b}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \\
& \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \\
& + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\
& \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \\
& - \frac{b}{1+b} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \\
& \times f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau)) d\tau \Big) ds \\
& \leq \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\beta_i} - (t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \\
& \times \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), \right. \\
& {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau))| d\tau \Big) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|} \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\beta_i} - (t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \\
& \times \left(\int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), \right. \\
& {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau))| d\tau \Big) ds \\
& + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right. \\
& \times |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau))| d\tau \Big) ds \\
& + \frac{|b|}{|1+b|} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{(1-\tau)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times |f(\tau, u(\tau), (\phi u)(\tau), (\psi u)(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(\tau), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(\tau), \dots, {}^c D^{\beta_n} u(\tau))| d\tau \Big) ds \\
& \leq \frac{N}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\beta_i} - (t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} s^{\alpha-1} ds \\
& \quad + \frac{N|b|}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\beta_i} - (t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} ds \\
& \quad + \frac{N}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} s^{\alpha-1} ds + \frac{N|b|}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} ds \\
& \leq \frac{(1+2|b|)N}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\beta_i} - (t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} ds \\
& \quad + \frac{(1+2|b|)N}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\beta_i}}{\Gamma(1-\beta_i)} ds \\
& \leq \frac{(1+2|b|)N}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} [(t_2^{1-\beta_i} - t_1^{1-\beta_i}) + 2(t_2 - t_1)^{1-\beta_i}].
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|Fu(t_2) - Fu(t_1)\| \\
& \leq \frac{N}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (t_2^\alpha - t_1^\alpha) + \frac{N|b|}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)} (t_2 - t_1) \\
& \quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1+2|b|)N}{|1+b|\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2-\beta_i)} [(t_2^{1-\beta_i} - t_1^{1-\beta_i}) + 2(t_2 - t_1)^{1-\beta_i}],
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\|Fu(t_2) - Fu(t_1)\| \rightarrow 0$ as $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$. Thus, F is equi-continuous and uniformly bounded. By using the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, one can get that F is completely continuous. Now, by using Theorem 2.5, F has a fixed point in B_r . Therefore, problem (1) has a solution. \square

Corollary 2.7 Let $f : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^{n+3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that there exists a constant $l \in (0, \alpha - 1)$ and a real-valued function $m(t) \in L^{\frac{1}{l}}([0, 1], (0, \infty))$ such that $|f(t, x, y, w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)| \leq m(t)$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and $x, y, w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in \mathbb{R}$. Then problem (1) has a solution.

Finally, we should emphasize the importance of anti-periodic conditions, which appear in the case that $a = 1$ and $b = 1$ in the problem. For more details about this note, one can review the papers [24] and [25].

2.3 Examples

Example 2.1 Consider the boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D^{\frac{7}{4}} u(t) = \frac{e^{-\pi t}}{24\sqrt{\pi+e^{-\pi t}}} \left[\frac{\sin t + e^t}{1+t^3} + \frac{|u(t)|}{1+|u(t)|} + \frac{e^{-\pi t} \cos \pi t}{1+t^2} \left(1 + \frac{|(\phi u)(t) + {}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t)|}{1+|(\phi u)(t) + {}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t)|} \right) \right. \\ \quad \left. + \frac{1+\sin^2 \pi t}{2(t^{\frac{3}{2}}+4)} ((\psi u)(t) + \frac{|{}^c D^{\frac{3}{4}} u(t)|}{1+|{}^c D^{\frac{3}{4}} u(t)|}) \right], \\ u(0) + u(1) = 0, \quad u'(0) + u'(1) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $(\phi u)(t) = \int_0^t \frac{e^{-(s-t)}}{8} u(s) ds$ and $(\psi u)(t) = \int_0^t \frac{e^{-(s-t)/2}}{8} u(s) ds$ with $\gamma_0 = \frac{e-1}{8}$ and $\lambda_0 = \frac{\sqrt{e}-1}{4}$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |f(t, u(t), (\phi u)(t), (\psi u)(t), {}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t), {}^c D^{\frac{3}{4}} u(t)) \\ & \quad - f(t, v(t), (\phi v)(t), (\psi v)(t), {}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} v(t), {}^c D^{\frac{3}{4}} v(t))| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{24\sqrt{\pi}} (|u(t) - v(t)| + |(\phi u)(t) - (\phi v)(t)| \\ & \quad + |(\psi u)(t) - (\psi v)(t)| + |{}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t) - {}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} v(t)| \\ & \quad + |{}^c D^{\frac{3}{4}} u(t) - {}^c D^{\frac{3}{4}} v(t)|). \end{aligned}$$

Put $\mu(t) = \frac{1}{24\sqrt{\pi}} \in L^4([0, 1], (0, \infty))$, $\kappa = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\mu^* = (\int_0^1 (\frac{1}{24\sqrt{\pi}})^4 ds)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{24\sqrt{\pi}}$. Since $\Gamma(\frac{3}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$, $\Gamma(\frac{3}{4}) \approx 1/2, 254$, $\Gamma(\frac{5}{4}) \approx 0/9, 064$ and $\Gamma(\frac{7}{4}) \approx 0/9, 191$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + \gamma_0 + \lambda_0) \left[\frac{3\mu^*}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa} \right)^{1-\kappa} + \frac{\mu^*}{4\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \right. \\ & \quad + \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-\kappa)\mu^*}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_1-\kappa+1)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta_2-\kappa+1)} \right) \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\mu^*}{2\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\alpha-\kappa-1} \right)^{1-\kappa} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\beta_1)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\beta_2)} \right) \right] \\ & = \left(1 + \frac{e-1}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{e}-1}{4} \right) \left[\frac{1}{16\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{7}{4})} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{1}{96\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{24\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(2)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{7}{4})} \right) + \frac{1}{48\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} \right) \right] \\ & \approx 0/1, 466 < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by using Theorem 2.3, the boundary value problem (2) has a unique solution.

Example 2.2 Consider the boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D^\alpha u(t) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\pi t}}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} + \frac{\cos \pi t}{\sqrt{\pi + |u(t)| + |{}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t)|}} (u(t))^{\sigma_1} + \frac{e^{-\pi t}(1+\sin^2 u(t))}{(t+6)^3} ((\phi u)(t))^{\sigma_2} \\ \quad + \frac{tu(t)}{(4+t^2)(1+|u(t)|)} ((\psi u)(t))^{\sigma_3} \\ \quad + \frac{(1+\alpha)(t-\frac{1}{2})^2}{\Gamma(\alpha)(1+|u(t)|+{}^c D^{\frac{3}{2}} u(t))} \sum_{k=1}^4 \left(\frac{\sin k\pi t}{2^k} \right) ({}^c D^{\beta_k} u(t))^{\delta_k}, \\ u(0) + \frac{1}{2}u(1) = 0, \quad u'(0) + \frac{2}{3}u'(1) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where $\alpha = \frac{9}{5}$, $\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta_2 = \frac{4}{5}$, $\beta_3 = \frac{2}{3}$, $\beta_4 = \frac{1}{7}$, $\lambda \in [0, \infty)$, $(\phi u)(t) = \int_0^t \frac{s^2 e^{-(s-t)/2}}{s^3+4} u(s) ds$ and $(\psi u)(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^5}{\sqrt{1+s^2}} u(s) ds$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |f(t, u(t), (\phi u)(t), (\psi u)(t), {}^c D^{\beta_1} u(t), {}^c D^{\beta_2} u(t), {}^c D^{\beta_3} u(t), {}^c D^{\beta_4} u(t))| \\ & \leq m(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} |u(t)|^{\sigma_1} + \frac{1}{108} |(\phi u)(t)|^{\sigma_2} + \frac{1}{4} |(\psi u)(t)|^{\sigma_3} + \sum_{k=1}^4 \frac{(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)2^{k+2}} |{}^c D^{\beta_k} u(t)|^{\delta_k}, \end{aligned}$$

where $m(t) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\pi t}}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. If $0 < \sigma_j < 1$, $0 < \delta_i < 1$ for $j = 1, 2, 3$ and $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, then assumption (*) holds. If $\lambda = 0$ and $\sigma_j, \delta_i > 1$ for $j = 1, 2, 3$ and $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, then the second condition of Theorem 2.6 holds. Thus, by using Theorem 2.6, the boundary value problem (3) has a solution.

3 Conclusions

Fractional nonlinear differential equations, fractional integro-differential equations and their applications represent a topic of high interest in the area of fractional calculus and its applications in various fields of science and engineering [7]. In this article, based on the Schauder's fixed point theorem, we have proved some existence results for the multi-term nonlinear fractional integro-differential equation (1).

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